

FBIS 132 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

HAK, SCOWROFT, LL

ANALYSIS NOTE--AG/WA

SOVIET MEDIA HANDLING OF GROMYKO CRITICISM OF KISSINGER

// A PASSAGE CRITICIZING SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN THE LIVE TEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S SPEECH TO THE 14 MAY WARSAW PACT ANNIVERSARY MEETING HAS BEEN OMITTED FROM THE TASS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE SPEECH. THIS MAY INDICATE THAT THE CRITICISMS WERE INSERTED EXTEMPORANEOUSLY BY GROMYKO, AS WESTERN NEWS MEDIA HAVE SUGGESTED, AND THAT THEY DO NOT THUS REFLECT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERED OPINION. IN ANY EVENT, IT SUGGESTS AN EFFORT BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO FLAY DOWN THE CRITICISM IN THE VERSION ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES. //

THE COMPLETE GROMYKO TEXT, AS BROADCAST LIVE BY MOSCOW RADIO FROM THE MEETING ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACT (FBIS WIRE ITEMS 139 AND ADDS OF 14 AND 15 MAY, WITH THE GROMYKO CRITICISM OF KISSINGER IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF FBIS 18 OF 15 MAY--SEVENTH ADD TO 139), INCLUDED REMARKS REFERRING TO KISSINGER'S 12 MAY ST. LOUIS SPEECH AND HIS OBSERVATIONS ON DETENTE AND MILITARY BUDGETS.

HOWEVER, THE TASS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION, DESCRIBED BY TASS AS "TEXT" OF GROMYKO'S SPEECH WHEN IT BEGAN CARRYING IT SOME 2 HOURS AND 45 MINUTES AFTER THE LIVE BROADCAST, INCLUDED NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO KISSINGER OR GROMYKO'S CRITICAL REMARKS. FURTHER COMPARISON OF THE MOSCOW RADIO LIVE TEXT AND THE TASS ENGLISH "TEXT" VERSIONS ALSO CONFIRMS THAT THE LATER TASS ENGLISH VERSION HAS SUMMARIZED LARGE PORTIONS OF GROMYKO'S SPEECH, AS WELL AS OMITTING THE REMARKS CRITICAL OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.

THE CRITICISMS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER OMITTED FROM THE TASS VERSION OF GROMYKO'S SPEECH READ AS FOLLOWS IN THE LIVE MOSCOW DOMESTIC RADIO TEXT:

"JUST 2 DAYS AGO, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MADE A LENGTHY SPEECH ON FOREIGN POLICY IN ST LOUIS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE SPEECH CONTAINED A NUMBER OF CORRECT POINTS. ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE UNITED STATES, HE STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TRAVEL IN THE FAIRWAY OF DETENTE AND CARRY OUT AN EASING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN RELATION TO THE SOVIET UNION. A GOOD POINT. THE SAME SPEECH CONTAINED THE PHRASE: "THE U.S. PRESIDENT HAS NO GREATER OBLIGATION THAN TO RID OUR PEOPLE OF THE DANGER OF A GREAT NUCLEAR WAR." ALSO A GOOD POINT. BUT THE SAME U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WAS RATHER SHARP IN HIS CRITICISM OF THOSE AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN TIMID AND NOT VERY INSISTENT IN GENERAL, BUT HAVE ALL THE SAME OPPOSED THE SPIRALING MILITARY BUDGETS AND FAVOR CUTS IN MILITARY BUDGETS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES' OWN MILITARY BUDGET. THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CRITICIZED THOSE CRITICS; HE DEFENDED THE SPIRALING MILITARY BUDGETS AND THE COURSE OF THEIR FURTHER SPIRALING. TO PUT IT MILDLY, THESE TWO THINGS--SUPPORT FOR A POLICY OF DETENTE AND INCREASING MILITARY BUDGETS--DO NOT GO TOGETHER VERY WELL."

15 MAY 1840Z JTC/CAJ